

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

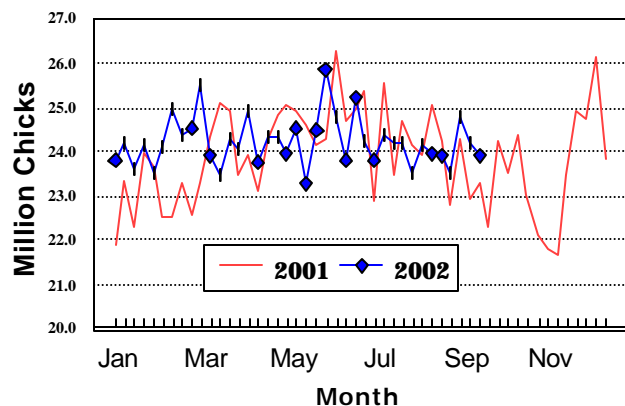
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending September 28, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but down 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.2 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 28, 2002 were 944.9 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 24.5 million, up fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the revised previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.3 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.7 percent.

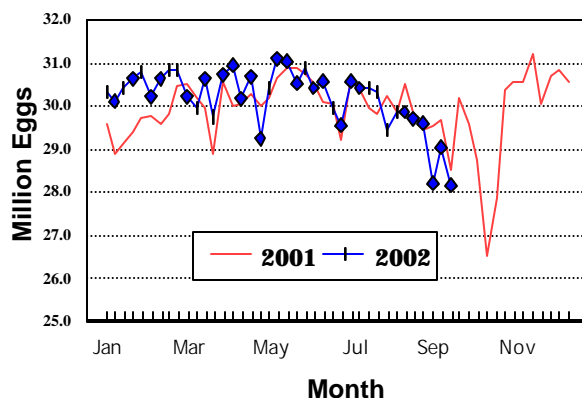
Arkansas hatcheries set 28.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 28, 2002, down 1 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Aug. 24	25,069	23,964	96	24,436	24,832	102	30,519	29,869	98
Aug. 31	24,256	23,913	99	24,889	24,211	97	29,887	29,734	99
Sep. 7	22,787	23,531	103	24,665	24,472	99	29,469	29,592	100
Sep. 14	24,293	24,809	102	25,249	24,573	97	29,579	28,201	95
Sep. 21	22,941	24,224	106	24,739	24,474	99	29,665	29,050	98
Sep. 28	23,268	23,894	103	24,447	24,459	100	28,546	28,177	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001-2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/
	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	%	24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	%
Alabama	28,907 *	28,010	28,031 *	27,425	94	22,617	21,576	22,701	21,866	21,530 *	21,738	108
ARKANSAS	29,592	28,201 *	29,050	28,177	99	23,964	23,913	23,531 *	24,809 *	24,224 *	23,894	103
Delaware	3,480	3,351	3,091 *	3,198	89	4,806	5,511	5,394	4,889	5,601 *	4,801	94
Florida	2,166	2,166	2,192	2,254	100	2,136	2,126	2,222	1,938	2,228	2,110	99
Georgia	32,029	29,350	30,228	29,102	95	25,384 *	25,694 *	25,094 *	26,190 *	25,688	26,424	103
Kentucky	6,243 *	6,346 *	5,921 *	6,844	119	5,361	5,384	5,459	5,518 *	5,260 *	5,039	101
Maryland	8,952	9,061	8,711	8,742	88	6,291	6,255	6,270	6,187	5,765 *	5,425	95
Mississippi	18,560	17,683	17,540	17,244	95	15,989	15,956	15,940	15,372	15,340	15,348	105
N. Carolina	18,074	17,001	15,966	17,018	92	15,099	14,679	14,700	14,308	14,240	14,070	105
Oklahoma	6,685	6,652	5,975	4,013	65	4,751	4,143	4,742	4,136	4,623	3,846	91
Pennsylvania	3,723	3,548	3,357 *	3,391	90	2,774	2,746	2,780	2,796	2,782 *	2,798	106
S. Carolina	4,925	4,937	4,833	4,678	96	3,786	4,118	3,827	4,111	4,096	3,498	91
Texas	15,198	14,687	13,236	15,078	104	11,731	11,155	11,426	10,575	11,177	11,886	104
Virginia	6,342	5,809	4,987	6,225	100	5,419	4,613	4,611	5,422	4,938	5,204	104
CALAMO,TN,WV	19,545 *	16,833 *	17,148	18,656	94	17,574	18,614	18,601	18,643	17,993	19,169	103
Total 2002	204,421 *	193,635 *	190,266 *	192,045		167,682 *	166,483 *	167,298 *	166,760 *	165,485 *	165,250	
Total 2001	198,093	194,686	199,865	201,736		167,386	165,420	167,090	167,537	166,119	160,598	
% Prev. Year	103	99	95	95		100	101	100	100	100	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	02-Nov	09-Nov	16-Nov	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 192 million eggs during the week ending September 28, 2002. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 28, 2002. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through September 28, 2002 were 6.61 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.